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PALERMO.

Date.	Name of vessel.	Destination.	Steerage passengers inspected and passed.	Pieces of baggage inspected.	Number of steerage passengers recommended for rejection.
Jan. 24	Manilla	New Orleans	523	500	103

Bubonic plague at Mauritius.

The report of the governor of Mauritius states that for the week ended January 15, 1903, there were 18 cases of plague, of which 10 were fatal.

Bubonic plague in Cape Colony.

A report from Durban, Cape Colony, dated January 20, 1903, states that since the beginning of plague at Durban 34 cases have occurred, of which 17 have terminated in death.

Asiatic cholera in quarantine at Malta.

A report from Malta, dated January 15, 1903, says that on the previous night the steamer *Royal* arrived at that port from Alexandria with 6 cases of cholera on board, 1 death having occurred during the voyage. The steamer was placed in quarantine and the sick were sent to the lazaretto at Comino Island. A later report, dated January 21, says that 2 new cases and 3 deaths occurred in quarantine. The steamer, after disinfection, was allowed to proceed to London.

JAPAN.

Report from Yokohama.

Assistant Surgeon Moore reports, January 22, as follows: Week ended January 17, 1903. Seven steamers, having an aggregate personnel of 658 crew and 471 passengers, were inspected, 44 steerage passengers were bathed, and 90 pieces of baggage were disinfected.

For the same period the official report of contagious diseases in Yokohama was as follows: Diphtheria, 2 cases, no deaths.

The SURGEON-GENERAL.

MEXICO.

Sanitary condition of Ensenada.

Sanitary Inspector Alexander reports, February 13, as follows: The sanitary condition of Ensenada de Todos Santos continues excellent. No severe acute diseases are prevalent except bronchitis and la grippe. No deaths during this month. The town is in an excellent state of cleanliness, each ward being watched by a special inspector.

Sanitary conditions at Guaymas—Disinfection of vessels.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Grubbs reports, February 13 and February 17, as follows: The health of this port remains good and its improved sanitary condition is maintained.

A certain number of vessels are arriving from Mazatlan. A bark arrived last week bringing two passengers. The *Benito Juarez* arrived on the 10th instant with 33 passengers and some freight. Disinfection was done at Mazatlan and is being repeated here. The ten days' detention is to date from sailing and will expire on the 16th instant. In spite of the disinfection done at Mazatlan there are rats aboard, but an attempt is being made to kill these to-day and the steamer will not be allowed alongside of the wharf.

Disinfection here is still done with sulphur—1 ounce per cubic meter—and bichloride solutions, the steam chamber that arrived from Nogales some ten days ago being not yet installed. It will be seen that the amount of sulphur used here is less than 1 pound per 10 tons register.

The schooner having on board about 1,100 fresh salt hides from Mazatlan, concerning which I wired on the 5th instant, is expected daily. I have not yet been able to learn if the skins will be landed, but in absence of instructions have asked that they be dipped before being released. A shipment of hand-made cigarettes on the same schooner will, I understand, be refused.

Action of merchants and shipping agents at Guaymas relative to importations from Mazatlan.

At a meeting of the merchants and shipping agents of Guaymas, held February 16, it was decided to receive no freight of any kind from Mazatlan or from points farther south, if the vessel carrying the same touched at Mazatlan. The firms controlling the lightering on the bay have agreed not to unload any such vessels in case they should come, and telegrams have been sent to Mazatlan and other coast points to that effect.

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Ensenada declared free from plague.

MEXICO CITY, February 9, 1903.

DEAR SIR: I have the honor to inform you that since the 25th of December last no new case of bubonic plague has presented itself in the port of Ensenada, Lower California, as it was clearly proved that the sick man referred to by Dr. Grubbs in his report of the 10th of January was not suffering from the plague. For this reason, and taking into account that more than a month has elapsed without any fresh case of that disease appearing in the town of Ensenada, this supreme board of health declared on the 7th instant that the port was not to be considered any longer under suspicion.

In accordance with the resolution of the international sanitary convention, which met in Washington in December last, I give you this notice in order that you may report the fact to the international committee of the American Republics.

Respectfully,

E. LICEAGA,
Secretary Superior Board of Health.

The SURGEON-GENERAL.